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# CRITICAL ECONOMIC SITUATION IN AFRICA: REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S EXPERT GROUP ON AFRICAN COMMODITY PROBLEMS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The report of the United Nations Secretary-General's Expert Group on African Commodity Problems was commissioned by the Secretary-General in response to requests contained in General Assembly resolution 43/27, following the mid-term review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, 1986-1990. The proposal for a study on African commodities emanated in 1988 from the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity. The report of the Expert Group was completed in mid-1990 and circulated to Member States at that time.

2. The Organization of African Unity has presented "Africa's common position on the report, entitled 'Africa's Commodity Problems: Towards a Solution'", which is contained in document A/45/591.

3. The question of African commodity problems will further be considered by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session in the context of the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990. For the purpose of assisting that review, the Secretary-General will take into account the views of Governments, intergovernmental bodies and international agencies on the topic of African commodities in preparing his final report to the General Assembly.

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